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STORY SO FAR



**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**

The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.

MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Tech-Savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.

**DR. EGGMAN**

Mad Genius.
Egg enthusiast.

METAL SONIC

Loyal Minion.
Mechanical menace.

**SURGE THE TENREC**

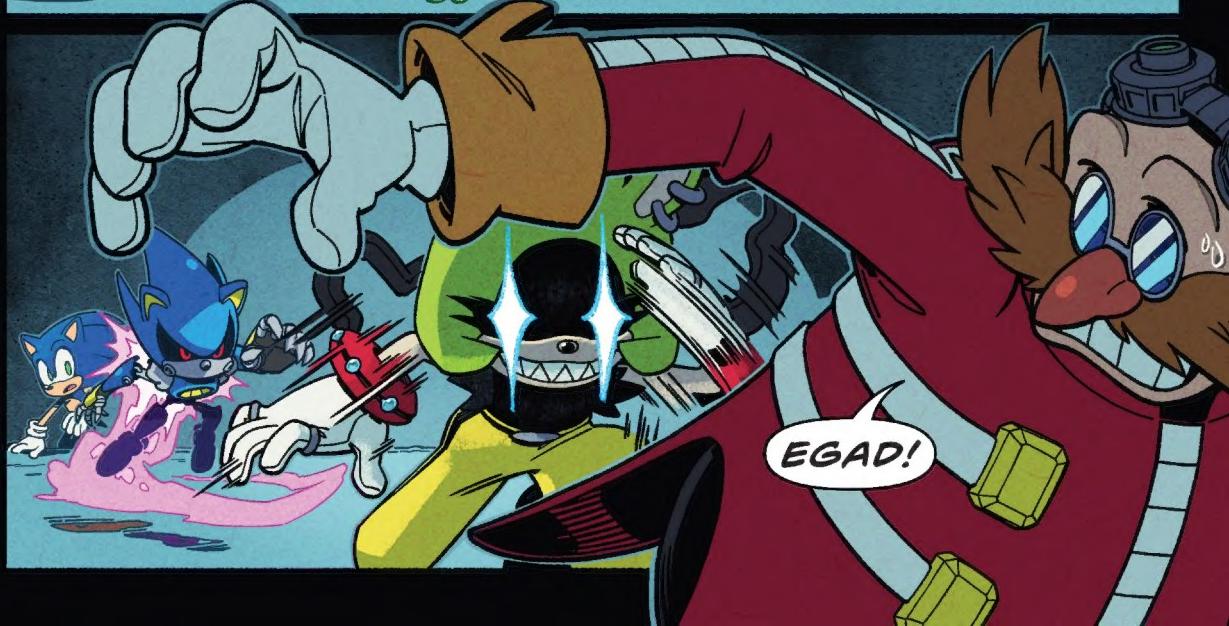
The Mean Green.
Roguish speedster.

KITSUNAMI "KIT" THE FENNEC

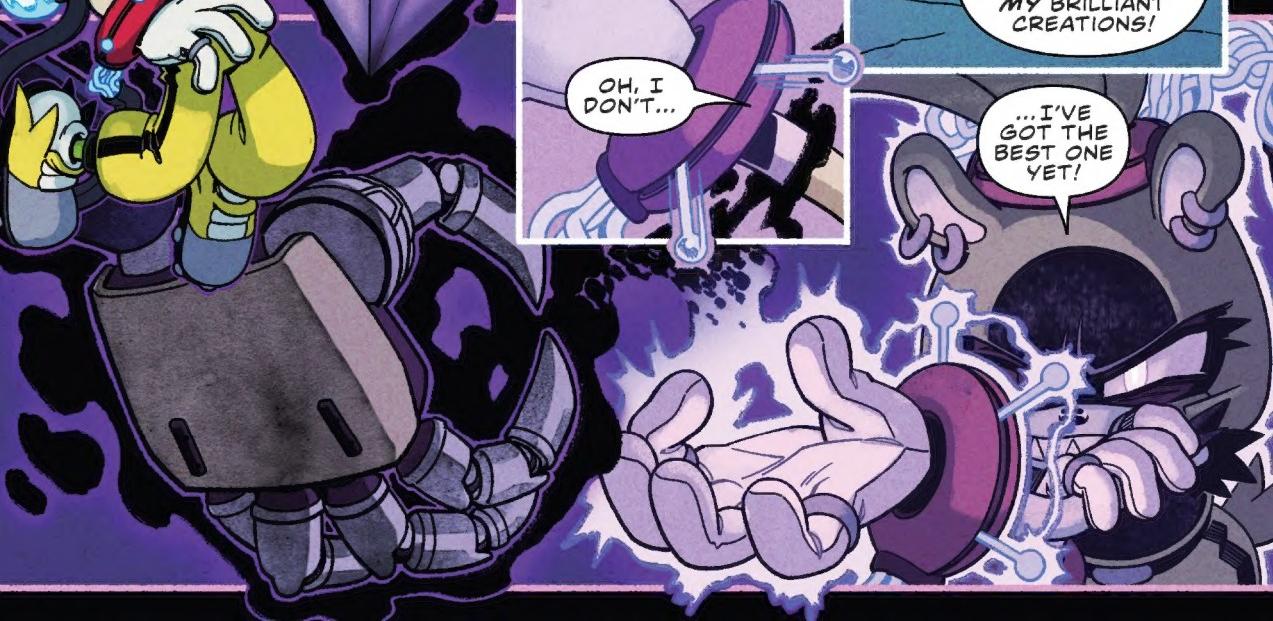
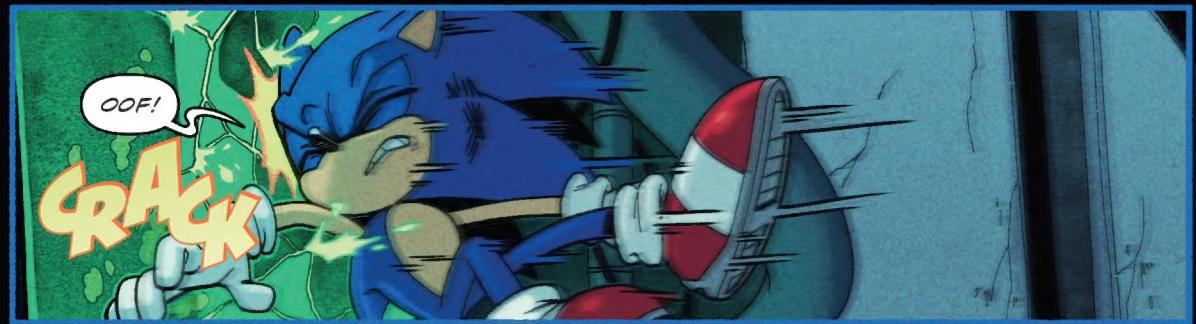
Sorrowful Sidekick.
High-flying hydromancer.

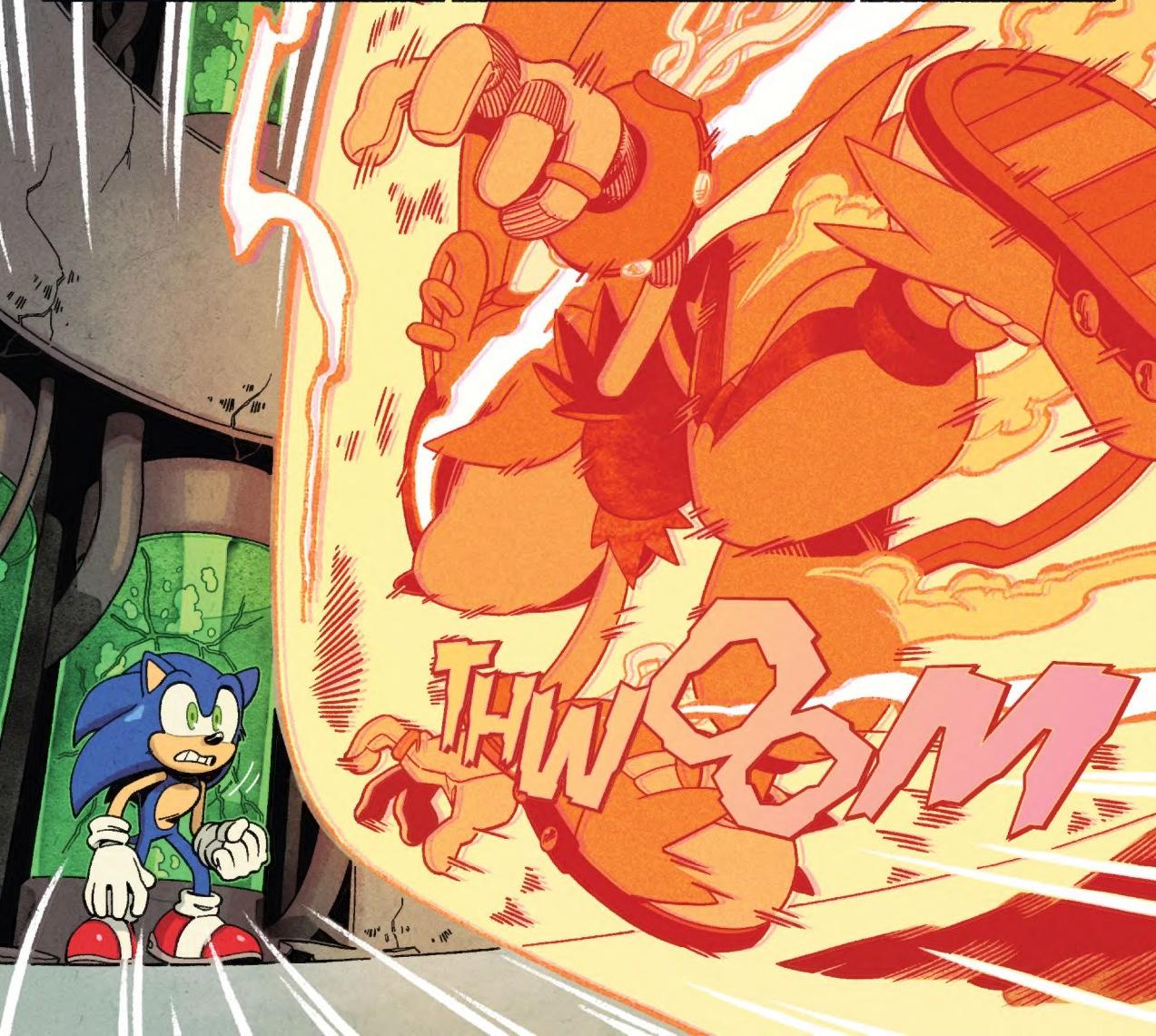






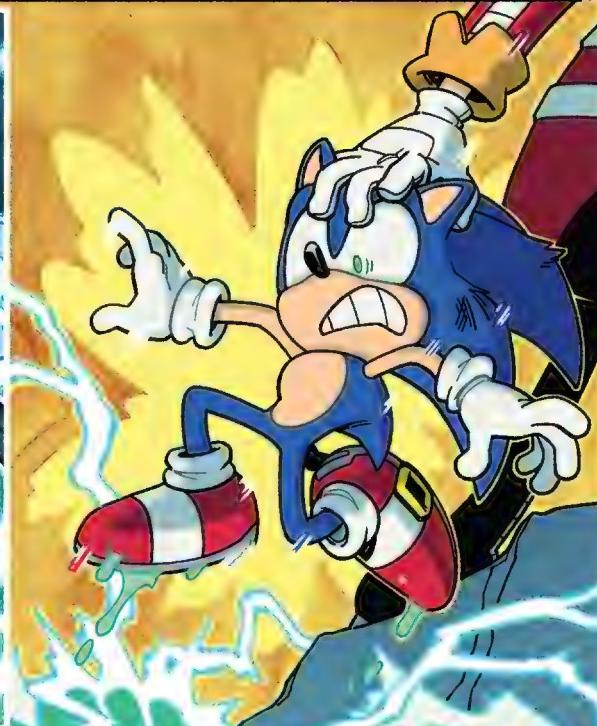








BOOM













I WAS BUILT
TO LIVE IN YOUR
SHADOW. IT'S IN MY
BLOOD, MY BONES,
MY BRAIN. THERE
IS NO FREEDOM
FOR ME...

...NOT
WHILE
YOU'RE
STILL
ALIVE!



KRACK



GASSSP



OH MY GOSH, OH MY GOSH--

GUHHH... I TAKE IT BACK. THAT PUDDLE'S GNARLY.

FINALLY!



COLLECT THE DYNAMO CAGE AND THE TENREC!







STARLINE.
EGGMAN. YOU.
YOU'RE ALL
THE SAME.

YOU DON'T
NEED ME OR
SURGE. YOU
WANT US.

ALL THAT
MATTERS IS
WHAT WE CAN
DO, HOW YOU
CAN CHANGE US.
SO YOU CAN
PROVE THAT
YOUR WAY IS
RIGHT.

I'M GOING
WHERE I'M
NEEDED, AND
THAT'S WITH
SURGE.

I'LL BURY
YOU ALL
HERE...

...ALONG
WITH OUR
PAST.

URCH

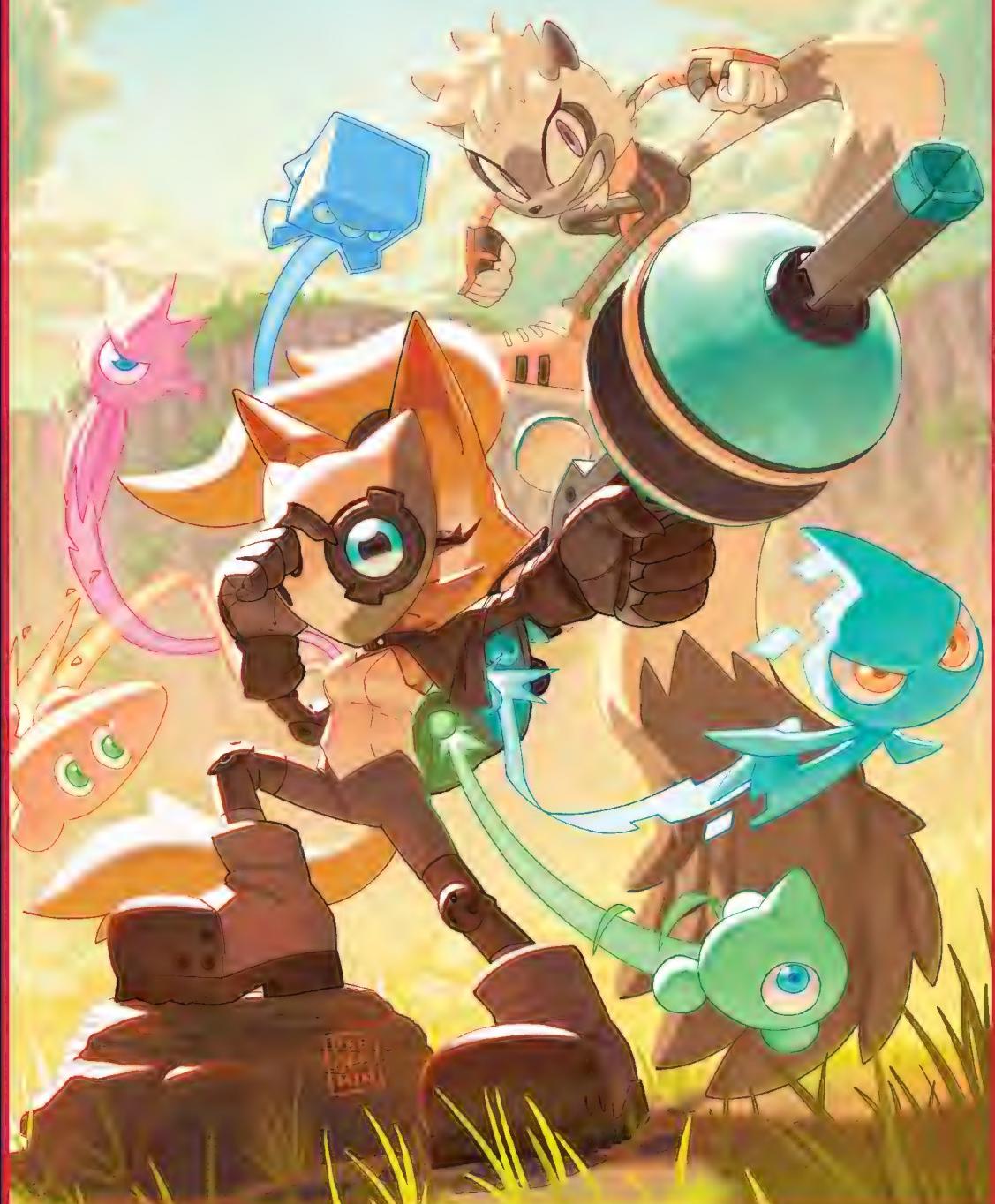








NEXT MONTH



SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD

Hello, Sonic Squad! I hope that's the last of Surge and Kit we see for a while... They're bad news! Thank you for joining Evan Stanley, Reggie Graham, and Shawn Lee for issue #56! Now, let's check out your letters and art!



ART BY
DANA



ART BY
EMILIA

Dear Sonic Team,

Hi, my name is Meredith, and I have been a fan of Sonic since I was 4 years old. My dad has loved it ever since the first game came out. The first game I played would be *Sonic Mania* that came out when I was 7, and I still play it. From there, I bought a couple other of the games, played the old ones on my dad's Genesis, and then I found the comics. The first one I read was the one where Sonic and his friends had just defeated the Metal Virus and were having a party at Tangle's place. That's when I was introduced to Whisper, and I immediately fell in love with her. I then read the series from the beginning and then read the *Imposter Syndrome* series. I also loved Surge and started making art of all the fantastic characters. I have a Pixilart account, and I make art of them there, too. I was terrified when I looked at the cover art for issue #53, but when I read it, everyone was perfectly okay. I have a couple of questions. 1. Was the Metal Virus based on Covid? 2. Will any of the IDW exclusive characters like Tangle and Whisper be in any of the movies? And finally, I would love to see Tangle or Whisper in a licensed SEGA game (for a console). Will that ever happen? (P.S. In one of the *Trial by Fire* issues, I figured out when Tails was talking about the AGES game it was really SEGA backward.)

Thank you so much for making these comics.

Meredith

Dear Meredith,

I love that your dad shared his love of Sonic with you and now you're a fan. I hope y'all get the chance to play *Frontiers* together! And sorry to have given you a scare with the #53 cover; we like to keep readers on their toes! Haha!

To answer some of your questions... No, the Metal Virus was not based on Covid. That arc was coming to an end when everything shut down in March of 2020, so it was more of an unfortunate coincidence. Either that or Ian Flynn can see into the future.

Tangle and Whisper will not be in the movies as far as we know. But the characters are



ART BY
MEREDITH

owned by Sega and they can do whatever they like with them. The more that fans show their love for IDW original characters, the more Sega is inclined to include them on merch, in games, and in other media! No spoilers, but if you keep your ears open while playing Frontiers, there might be a little easter egg for Tangle fans.

Thank you for your letter and art! Stay cool!

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them "OKAY TO PRINT"! And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, Tangle, Whisper, and [REDACTED] make their return!



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